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(57) Abstract: A *Bacillus licheniformis* mutant host cell derived from a parent *B. licheniformis* host cell, which mutant host cell is mutated in one or more gene(s) encoding one or more polypeptide(s) involved in antibiotic synthesis which is at least 80% identical to one or more of the polypeptides shown in SEQ ID NO's: 2 to 22, wherein the mutant host cell expresses at least 5% less of the one or more polypeptide(s) involved in antibiotic synthesis than the parent host cell, when they are cultivated under comparable conditions.

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